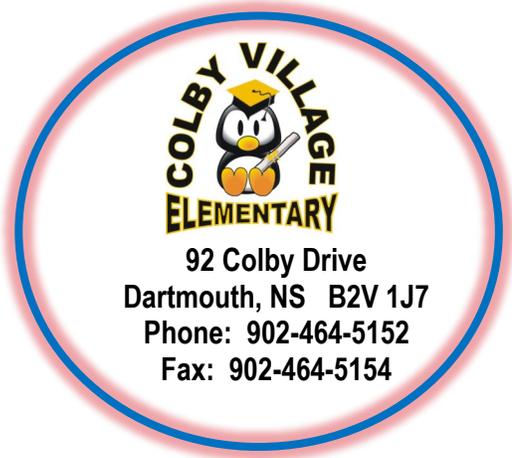


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HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- **PowerSchool Parent Portal** — Log into <https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/> and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year 2026	2	3
4	5 First day back for students and staff	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 PTO Meeting 6:30	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED

We are in need of regular and casual lunch monitors. This is a paid position of \$16.50 per hour plus 4% vacation pay with a time requirement for regular lunch monitors of 1 hour per day from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and an on-call basis for casual lunch monitors. If this is something that interests you or if you know someone who may be interested, please contact the school via email at cves@hrce.ca. Please put LUNCH MONITOR POSITION in the subject line.



PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY REGISTRATION

Pre-primary and Primary registration will take place during the month of February. Students currently enrolled in pre-primary who will be attending primary at the same location, do not need to register. The registration process is done completely online starting February 1st, 2026 at <https://www.hrce.ca/families/student-registration>

NS SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

For students who are receiving lunches through the NS School Lunch Program, please check with your child (ren) regarding their lunches and whether they are enjoying them as we are having a lot of waste. If you have any questions and/or concerns please reach out to lunch@hrce.ca (email) or nslunch.ca (website).

SNACK PROGRAM

Our snack program is up and running for students. If you are unfamiliar with this program, all students have the opportunity to come to the office during recess or lunch if they are still hungry after eating their food from home. Please have discussions with your child whether you wish for them to come to the office to get snacks and also to encourage them to only come once all other food has been eaten. We do our best to ensure all food from home has been eaten but we are not always able to monitor closely and we do not want any food being wasted from home.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.



Guidelines for school and/or bus cancellations due to weather

It is HRCE's goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or school buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all buses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:

- Bused students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.



If there are any changes to our regular operations, we will communicate in the following ways:

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, if you have opted-in. If you aren't sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: 978338
- On our website www.hrce.ca
- On X (formerly Twitter) at twitter.com/hrce_ns
- On Instagram at instagram.com/hrce_ns



How does Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) decide on school and/or bus cancellations?

- By 4:30 a.m., HRCE staff begin to gather information from:
 - A contracted weather service that provides radar and satellite imagery, real-time road conditions and weather warnings;
 - A meteorologist who provides forecast details, level and type of precipitation and impact on road conditions;
 - HRCE's transportation service providers, who provide updates on road conditions in their area;
 - Municipal and provincial transportation staff; and
 - Other local weather services, including Environment Canada and The Weather Network. By 5:30 a.m., HRCE staff make recommendations to the Regional Executive Director (or designate), who then makes the final decision. This decision is communicated as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible.

Remember: Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their child home from school if they believe that the travelling conditions are unsuitable.